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SUMMARY: AT APC MEETING JANUARY 24, FRG REP ASKED IF THERE WERE  
A CONSENSUS THAT THE FIGURES TO BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE NAC  
GUIDANCE ON RED DATA WOULD BE THE FIGURES IN UK DRAFT GUIDANCE  
II. HOWEVER, THE SPC DISCUSSION DEVELOPED IN SUCH A WAY THAT  
THERE MAY BE NO FURTHER OUTCOME TO THE FRG IDEA, AND THIS SEEMS  
UNLIKELY NOW TO BECOME A MAJOR ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 24, IN DISCUSSING THE AFTERNOON SPC  
MEETING WITH FRG DELEGATION OFFICER (SCHNELLER), WE QUESTIONED  
IN LOW KEY WAY THE NEED FORMALLY TO REGISTER IN SPC ACTION SHEET  
THAT THE FIGURES IN UK DRAFT GUIDANCE II WOULD GO INTO ANY  
SECRET

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FUTURE NAC GUIDANCE ON RED DATA. WE AGAIN NOTED OUR WISH NOT TO  
NEGOTIATE LANGUAGE IN SPC AT THIS TIME. WE ALSO RECALLED THAT  
THE US ACCEPTED THE FIGURES IN MCM(86)76. MISSION OFFICER OBSER-  
VED THAT, LIKE ANY MBFR DATA, THESE FIGURES ARE OF COURSE SUBJECT  
TO EVENTUAL REVISION. SCHNELLER SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT  
REQUIRE HIM TO INSIST ON AN AGREED MINUTE IN AN ACTION SHEET,  
BUT AT A MINIMUM HE WOULD HAVE TO ASK SPC IF THERE WERE A CON-  
SENSUS THAT THE FIGURES TO BE INCLUDED IN ANY FUTURE GUIDANCE  
WERE THE ONES IN UK DRAFT GUIDANCE II. HE SAID THAT WAS WHAT HE  
WOULD DO AT THE AFTERNOON MEETING, RATHER THAN PROPOSING AN

AGREED MINUTE.

2. AT THE SPC MEETING, SCHNELLER STATED THAT THE FRG WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR THE NAC TO CONSIDER GUIDANCE TO AHG ON TABLING RED DATA, THERE IS NO DEBATE ON WHAT THE FIGURES ARE. HE THEREFORE WISHED TO ASK IF IT WERE THE CONSENSUS OF THE SPC THAT THE FIGURES WHICH WOULD BE RELEASED WERE THE ONES IN THE UK DRAFT GUIDANCE II. HE ALSO ASKED IF FRG UNDERSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING WAS CORRECT, THAT SPC CONSIDERATION OF GUIDANCE ON RED DATA WAS TEMPORARILY DEFERRED BUT COULD BE RAISED AGAIN AT A LATER DATE, AND THAT ANY FUTURE SPC REVIEW WOULD BEGIN WITH UK DRAFT GUIDANCE II AS BASIS OF CONSIDERATION.

3. US REP (MOORE) SAID HE THOUGHT FRG REP'S REMARKS THAT THE ISSUE COULD BE RAISED AGAIN AT A LATER DATE, WITH UK DRAFT GUIDANCE II AS A STARTING POINT FOR DISCUSSION, WAS AN ACCURATE STATEMENT OF WHERE THE SPC WAS ON THIS QUESTION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE FIGURES IN THE UK DRAFT GUIDANCE II ARE THE CURRENT, REVISED FIGURES FROM MCM(86)76, AND THE ALLIES ACCEPTED THESE FIGURES. HE SAID THAT HE ASSUMED THAT THESE ARE THE FIGURES WHICH WOULD BE USED IN ANY FUTURE GUIDANCE, UNLESS, OF COURSE, THE ALLIES HAD AGREED BY THEN TO FURTHER REVISIONS.

4. CANADIAN REP (BACON) SAID THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD NOT "LOCK THEMSELVES" INTO A PARTICULAR FIGURE, BECAUSE SUCH FIGURES ARE SECRET

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ALWAYS SUBJECT TO REVISION.

5. CHAIRMAN (JUNG) SAID HE THOUGHT THAT WAS CLEAR. BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF REVISIONS, THE ALLIES CAN NOT LOCK THEMSELVES INTO A PARTICULAR FIGURE.

6. ITALIAN REP (CIARRAPICO) SAID HE COULD REPLY AFFIRMATIVELY TO THE QUESTION POSED BY FRG REP. HE THOUGHT HIS AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE TO THE FRG QUESTION SHOULD HAVE SOME LEGAL AND PRACTICAL VALUE. FRG REP REPLIED THAT IF THE COMMITTEE WISHED, IT COULD RECORD ITS RESPONSE IN AN ACTION SHEET. HOWEVER, THE CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT NO FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE FIGURES COULD BE RECORDED IN ACTION SHEET, BECAUSE ANY FIGURES ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION. HE INQUIRED IF ANYONE THOUGHT THE MATTER COULD BE CARRIED ANY FURTHER, AND NO ONE COMMENTED.

7. COMMENT: THERE MAY BE NO FURTHER OUTCOME, BEYOND THE SPC DISCUSSION REPORTED ABOVE, TO THE FRG IDEA OF RECORDING AGREEMENT IN AN ACTION SHEET ON THE FIGURES TO APPEAR IN ANY FUTURE NAC GUIDANCE AUTHORIZING THE AHG TO TABLE RED DATA. THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY NOW TO BECOME A MAJOR ISSUE. THE AHG REQUEST ON RED DATA WILL AGAIN BE ON SPC AGENDA AT NEXT MEETING, JANUARY 31. END COMMENT. STRAUZ-HUPE

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